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FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE RECRUITING PORT ADVISERS

1. GOVERNMENT OMAN HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE RECRUITING TWO TO FIVE EXPERTS IN PORT ADMINISTRATION WHO COULD BE LOANED TO OMAN FOR ONE TO TWO YEARS AS ADVISERS AND MANAGERS NEW PORT QABOOS, MATRAH. PREFER MEN WITH EXPERIENCE IN PORT AUTHORITY. OMAN GOVERNMENT WILL PAY FULL SALARY, EXPENSES AND TRAVEL. PORT SCHEDULED COMPLETION NEXT YEAR WITH MILLION TON CAPACITY; ONE DOCK ALREADY IN USE. NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY APPARENTLY WAS CONTACTED THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS AND HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST. NEED IS URGENT AND EXPERTS WANTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: REQUEST WAS MADE TO AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS BY SULTAN'S ECONOMIC ADVISER FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON SULTAN QABOOS AND IS CLEARLY RESULT OF AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT OMAN GOVERNMENT UTILIZE OUR EMBASSY FOR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EXPERTS AND ATTRACTING INVESTORS RATHER THAN RELY EXCLUSIVELY ON NON- GOVERNMENT CHANNELS. THUS CURRENT REQUEST WILL BE REGARDED AS TEST OF OUR EFFECTIVENESS.
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3. IT WILL BE YEARS BEFORE OMAN' S CAN BE FULLY TRAINED
TAKE OVER ALL PHASES PORT OPERATION AND AMBASSADOR
STOLTZFUS CONSIDERS THAT OMAN NEEDS PATTERN FOR DEVELOP-
MENT AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS; HE SUGGESTS OPTIMUM
PROPOSAL WOULD BE DEVELOPMENT OF " SISTER PORT" RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN PORT QABOOS AND AMERICAN PORT CITY AS
MEANS OF ASSURING CONTINUING INTEREST AND SECONDMENT
HIGHLY- QUALIFIED EXPERTS ON LONGER- TERM BASIS. ONE
SUCH MODEL MIGHT BE NEW ORLEANS WHERE I WILL BE MEETING
WITH PEACE CORPS MAY 21 TO 25 AND COULD ARRANGE SEE
PORT AUTHORITY OFFICIALS IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES.

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